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ILLEGAL GUN DEALER SENTENCED

PHOENIX, ARIZONA The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced that on June 19, 2001, JAIME PESQUEIRA, 25 of Phoenix, Arizona was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Earl H. Carroll to prison today for illegally dealing in firearms from 1996 to 2000. On February 13, 2001, PESQUEIRA plead guilty to Dealing in Firearms without a License and 10 counts of False Statement to a Firearms Dealer.

According to the Indictment, the plea agreement and other court documents, in 1996 PESQUEIRA entered into an agreement to organize the purchase of weapons from Arizona and sell them to an individual who was distributing the guns into Mexico. In order to avoid detection, PESQUEIRA recruited various individuals to purchase the guns for him from various gun dealers in the Phoenix area. During this time period, the defendant dealt in over one hundred guns. Approximately ten percent of these weapons have been recovered in connection with criminal activity.

PESQUEIRA was sentenced on 11 counts; 1 count of Dealing in Firearms without a License, 18:922(a)(1)(A) and 10 counts of False Statements to Firearms Dealer, 18:924(a)(1)(A). Judge Carroll sentenced PESQUIERA to 34 months in prison on each count as well as three years supervised release and a \$5,000 fine.

The investigations were conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.

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The prosecution was handled by Camille D. Bibles, Assistant U. S. Attorney, District of Arizona,
Phoenix, Arizona.

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